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For as God's Love through Christ hath been shed abroad in our Hearts, we cannot but in the same Love desire the Eternal Good and the Salvation of all Mankind, and would have them Repent, and turn to *Jesus Christ*, whom God hath given in his Love to be their *Way*, *Leader* and *Captain* of their Salvation, and hath tasted Death for every man, and hath bought them with a Price, therefore that they all might serve and live to him, and glorifie God with their Bodies, Souls and Spirits, which are the Lord's, that he hath made, and Christ's, who hath redeemed and bought them.

By George Fox.

I will give thee for a Light to the Gentiles, *that thou mayst be my Salvation to the Ends of the world*, Isa. 49. 6.

And all the Ends of the Earth shall see the Salvation of our God, Isa. 52. 10.

Have I any Desire that the Wicked should dye? saith the Lord God: or shall he not live if he turn from his Wicked ways? for I desire not the Death of him that dyeth, saith the Lord; wherefore turn your selves, and live ye. Ezek. 18. 23, 32.

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IT hath often been said, *That the People of God in Scorn called* Quakers *love none but themselves.*

To this I answer, such are mistaken in their Judgment, and I fear it is their own Conditions, for we love God that Created all things, and his Son, *by whom all things were made, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of a Virgin, who made a good Confession before* Pontius Pilate, *who was Crucified without the Gates at* Jerusalem, *and rose the third Day, and sits at the right Hand of God; by whom God will judge the World according to the Gospel*, that is according to the invisible Power which is preacht to every Creature.

Secondly, we love all Men and Women, simply as they are Men and Women, and as they are God's workmanship, and so as Brethren and Children of *Adam* and *Eve* by Generation.

Thirdly, we love them all as they come to be Son's of God by Adoption, and can say, *Abba Father* in the heavenly Brotherly fellowship, and we are commanded to do good unto all, especially to the House-

hold of Faith: For Christ commands us to love one another, and not so only, *but to love Enemies*, and it is a mark by which his were known to be his Disciples, *viz.* by their loving each other.

And we are to pray for Enemies and our Persecuters, by the command of Christ and the Apostles.

For God hath made of one Blood all mankind to dwell upon the face of the Earth, *Acts* 17. 26.

And the Earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof. And the Lord saith in *Job* 31. *All under the Heavens is mine*, who hath Created all to his Glory: and the Lord saith unto *Ezekiel*, *say unto them, as I live saith the Lord God; I desire not the Death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn you, turn you, from your evil Wayes, for why will you dye Oh ye House of* Israel, *saith the Lord*; here ye may see God's mind and his love to People, which all his People is to be in, who would have People turn from their wicked Wayes and live, *Ezek.* 33. 11.

And further, the Lord saith, *I desire not the death of him that dieth, cause therefore one another to turn and live*; see here the love of God to *Mankind*, who would have them to turn and live, *Ezek.* 18. 23. And so he would have all that's called *Christendom* to turn to the New Covenant and live, which is our desire also.

And further, he saith, *Have I any desire that the Wicked should dye saith the Lord God? Or shall he not live, if he turn from his wayes?* here ye may see what the Lord's desire is, and his goodness to wicked Mankind, in the same Chap. And in *Esai.* 1. 18. *Come now and let us Reason together*, saith the Lord, *though your Sins were as Crimson, they shall be made white as Snow*,

Snow, though they were as red as Scarlet, they ſhall be as Wool, if you conſent and obey, ye ſhall eat the good things of the Land, but if you refuſe and be Rebellious, ye ſhall be devoured with the Sword; for the Mouth of the Lord hath ſpoken it: here ye may ſee the love of God to Man and Woman, who would reaſon with Man, and have him to obey and conſent, and ſhews him the good in obeying, and ſhews him the Judgments in diſobeying.

And in *Eſai.* 45. 22. *Look unto me, and ye ſhall be ſaved, ſaith the Lord, all ye ends of the Earth, for I am God and there is no other:* So all ye ends of the Earth muſt look unto the Lord for Salvation.

And *Eſai.* ſaith, *Ceaſe you from Man whoſe Breath is in his Noſtrils,* for wherein is he to be eſteemed of? *Iſa.* 2. 22. and therefore all ye ends of the Earth muſt look unto the Lord for Salvation, theſe are the words of the Lord to the ends of the Earth, and to all People upon it.

And thus ſaith the Lord, *I will give thee for a Light of the Gentiles, that thou mayeſt be my Salvation unto the End of the World,* (ſpeaking of Chriſt) as in *Iſa.* 49. 6.

Who is the Salvation to the End of the World? *Chriſt Jeſus, the Covenant of Light,* which Propheſie of *Iſaiah* was fulfilled in Chriſt, of whom it's ſaid in *John* 1. *In him was Life, and the Life was the Light of Men, and the Light ſhined in the Darkneſs, and the Darkneſs comprehended it not,* and *John Baptiſt* ſaid, *he was not that Light, but was ſent to bear Witneſs of the Light, and that was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the World, he was in the World, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not,*

not, (to wit) Christ the Light, that lighteth every Man that cometh into the World; and *Grace and Truth cometh by Jesus Christ, as the Law came by* Moses, *for the Grace of God which bringeth Salvation unto all men hath appeared*, (mark) unto all men hath appeared this Grace of God which bringeth Salvation.

Here is the general love of God to *Mankind*, which teacheth us to live Soberly, *&c.* saith the Apostle to the true Christians, and that we should deny Ungodliness and worldly Lusts, and live Soberly and Righteously, and Godly in this present World.

So this Grace of God, which hath appeared unto all men, was their *Teacher*, how to live and walk to God and Man, and what to deny; I say, how to live and walk to God which brought their Salvation, and to look for the blessed Hope and the appearing of the Glory of the mighty God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ, *who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all Iniquity*, and purge us, to be a peculiar People unto himself, Zealous of good Works, *&c.* So here is the love God in Christ unto all *Mankind*, *Titus* 2. 14. to the end, which we are Witnesses of, and we desire all might obey it, and not turn from it into Wantonness.

And *John* saith of Christ, *Behold the Lamb of God, that takes away the Sins of the World.* So all the World is to look unto the Lamb of God, which takes away their Sins, as you may see in *Joh.* 2. and not to plead for Sin to the Grave, but for the Lamb that takes it away.

For God so loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not Perish but have everlasting Life: So here God so loved the World,

World, that he gave his only begotten Son into the World, that he that believeth in the Son hath everlasting Life, and he that believeth not in the Son of God shall not have Life, but the wrath of God abideth on him: Now here is God's love to be seen whether Men believe and obey, or not, and the wrath of God abideth upon him that doth not believe, as in *John* 3.

And Jesus Christ saith, *While ye have the Light believe in the Light, for I am come a Light into the world, that whosoever believes in me should not abide in Darkness, but have the Light of life*: Now here Christ teacheth how men should believe, and what to believe in, to wit, the Light, as in *John* 12. which we do and would have all People to believe in, *Christ the light.*

And again, Jesus saith, *I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in Darkness, but shall have the light of life.* So he who is the heavenly man and the Son of God, is the Light of the World, and enlightneth every man that comes into the world, and bids them believe in the Light whom God hath given for a Light and to be his Salvation to the ends of the Earth. And when Christ said, he was the Light of the World, *&c.* The *Pharisees* were offended at him; as many *fair Sayers* and *bad Doers* are now offended at the believers in the Light, and such as are become Children of it, that bear witness to it, *John* 8. 12.

And in *Luke* 2. 28, 29, 30, 31. When *Simeon* took Jesus in his Armes, and said, *Now Lord let thy Servant depart in Peace, for mine Eyes have seen thy Salvation, which thou prepared before the face of all People* (mark) *all People*, here is no Sect) *a light to be revealed*

vealed to the Gentiles, *and the Glory of thy People Israel*, mark, a Light to be revealed to the *Gentiles*.

Christ is revealed to the *Gentiles*, who is their Light to enlighten them, *Luke* 2. By which Light People see their Sins, and by which Light they see their Saviour, Christ, that saves them from their Sins, and dyed for their Sins, and rose again for their Justification.

And see Christ's own Words in *Joh.* 6.51. *I am the Living Bread which came down from Heaven, if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live forever; and the Bread that I will give, is my Flesh, which I will give for the Life of the WORLD*, Mark, his Flesh for the Life of the World; and they must eat it, if they will live forever; and here is the Love of God in Christ Jesus to the World, who gives his Flesh for the Life of the World; and they must eat him who is the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven, if they live: So it is not only *talking*, but it is *feeding* and *eating* (Joh. 6.) that is required, if you will have Life.

Now, Christ doth not say, He would give his Flesh for the Life of *some* of the World; but in *Luke* 3. 6. saith, ALL *Flesh shall see the Salvation of God*; and they that see their Salvation, Christ Jesus, they must come to the Light that comes from him, which gives the Knowledge; but if they hate this Light, it does condemn them, as in *John* 3.

And in *Rom.* 5. *For Christ (when we were yet of no Strength) at this time dyed for the Ungodly; for when we were Enemies we were reconciled to God by the Death of his Son.* And therefore People should dye with Christ to Sin, and have their Old Man crucified with

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him, that their Old Man might be deſtroyed; that henceforth they ſhould not ſerve Sin, and remain Enemies, *Rom.* 5, & 6. Here ye may ſee Chriſt dyed for the Ungodly and for Enemies, not that they ſhould live in Ungodlineſs, but live to him that dyed for them: *For Chriſt dyed, and roſe again, and aſcended that he might be Lord both of the Dead and of the Living*: Therefore none are to live to themſelves, but unto the Lord; and this ſhould be all true *Chriſtians* living and dying in the Lord, *Rom.* 14.

For as in Adam *all dyed, even ſo in Chriſt ſhall* ALL *be made alive*, Cor. 1. 15. Here is God's Love to all Mankind, who are made alive by Chriſt Jeſus; for as it is written, *The firſt* Adam *was made a Living Soul, the ſecond* Adam *a Quickening Spirit; the firſt* Adam *was of the Earth earthly, the ſecond* Adam *the Lord from Heaven.*

And the Apoſtle ſaith in 2 *Cor.* 5. 14, 15. *For the Love of Chriſt conſtrains us becauſe we thus judge, that if one dyed for* ALL, *then were all dead, and he dyed for all* (to wit, Chriſt, ſaith the Apoſtle) *that they which live ſhould not henceforth live unto themſelves*, [mark, not live unto themſelves] *but live unto him* (to wit, Chriſt) *which dyed for them and roſe again*: Here is the Love of God to Mankind in Chriſt Jeſus, which we bear witneſs to, who dyed for all, for Sinners and Enemies, that henceforth they ſhould not live unto themſelves, but unto Chriſt that dyed for them.

And in *Col.* 1. 23. to the End, the Apoſtle ſaith to the Saints, *If ye continue grounded and eſtabliſhed in the Faith, and not be moved away from the Hope of the*

Gospel, whereof ye have heard, which hath been preacht to EVERY Creature under Heaven.

And the Apostle saith, *The Gospel of Christ is the Power of God unto Salvation: EVERY one that believeth, to the* Jew *first, and also to the* Grecian, as in *Rom.* 1. 16. So mark, this Gospel is preacht to every Creature under Heaven, this Joyful News and Glad-tidings: So here the Apostle makes no Sects; here is God's Love in the Gospel of Christ Jesus to every Creature under Heaven. And the Apostles preacht Christ Jesus and his Gospel, *admonishing every man and teaching every man* [mark EVERY Man] *in all wisdom, that we may present EVERY Man Perfect in Christ Jesus*; and this we desire all People may come to witness with us.

Now all the Imperfection is out of Christ Jesus, in the Devil, and *Adam* in the Fall; and the Perfection is in Christ Jesus, that never fell: Here was their general Ministry in the Love of God in Christ Jesus, and so is ours, and to present all perfect in Christ.

For, *Christ also hath once suffered for Sins, the Just for the Unjust, that he might bring us unto God* [mark, that he might bring us unto God] and *Christ was put to Death concerning the Flesh* (not as he was God) *but was quickened in the Spirit*, 1 Pet. 3. 18. *And He is the Reconciliation for our Sins*, to wit, Christ, *and not for our Sins only, but for the Sins of the whole world*; mark, for the Sins of the Whole World: *And he that saith he abideth in Christ, ought even so to walk as he walketh*, 1 John 2. 2. for he hath left us an Ex-

Example, not only to talk of him, but to walk after him, and follow him.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *Therefore we labour and are rebuked, becauſe we truſt in the Living God, which is the Saviour of all men, eſpecially of thoſe that believe; theſe things* (ſaith he to Timothy) *command and teach*, 1 Tim. 4. 10, 11. which we do by the ſame Power and Spirit.

And the Apoſtle ſaith in *Hebr.* 2. 9. *But we ſee Jeſus crowned with Glory and Honour, which was made a little inferiour to the Angels, through the ſufferings of Death, that by God's Grace he might taſte Death for EVERY Man, that he might deſtroy through Death him that hath the Power of Death, that is the Devil, Hebr.* 2. So here is the Love of God in giving his Son, who taſted Death for all men, who ſaid, *He had Power to lay down his Life, and Power to take it up again.* And they that ſay, Chriſt did not taſte Death for *every* Man, are the *Sect-Makers* and *Sectaries* amongſt People, and are contrary to the *Apoſtles*, *Chriſt* and his *Prophets* Doctrine.

And in 1 *Pet.* 2. 17. *Peter* ſaith to the *Chriſtians*, *Honour* ALL *Men*, *love the Brotherly-Fellowſhip*, *fear God*, *honour the King*: For God hath honoured *all* men in giving his Son, a Light, and to be his Salvation to the Ends of Earth, and to enlighten *all* men: And his Grace hath appeared to *all* men, which bringeth Salvation, and he hath dyed for *all* men, and taſted Death for *all* men; and God deſires not the Death of any man, but would have them to turn to him: If God hath ſo honoured all men, in giving his Son to be a Mediator, and a Redeemer, and Pur-

chaſer with his Blood of Men and Women out of Sin and Evil, we are to honour all Men as Men, becauſe they are God's Creation and Workmanſhip, who made them in his Image, though they loſt it; and all they that are renewed in again, are renewed by Jeſus Chriſt; ſo we are to have *all* men in Eſteem, and Honour *all* men, and not to curſe nor hate any man; and we are to love the Brotherhood, ſuch as are Diſciples and Learners of Chriſt Jeſus, and Followers of him, who are in the Brotherly Fellowſhip, which is in the Holy Ghoſt, which the Apoſtles were in; and the Fellowſhip is in the Spirit, and the Unity, which is the Bond of Peace, yea, even the Bond of the Prince of Princes Peace, which is the Duty of every true *Chriſtian* to keep, as alſo to Fear God and Honour the King; now none can honour the King but who fear God; they that fear God muſt depart from Sin and Evil; for they that do not depart from Sin and Evil, do not fear God, which doth keep their Hearts clean, and is the Beginning of God's Wiſdom from above; and they that do not depart from Evil, but live in it, diſhonour both God and the King, and their own Bodies, which are God's Workmanſhip, and ſo diſhonour God their Creator, and Chriſt their Saviour and Redeemer.

And the Apoſtle ſaith in 1 *Tim.* 2. 1. *I exhort therefore, that firſt of all Supplications, Prayers, Interceſſions and Giving of Thanks be made for* ALL *Men* [mark, for *all* men.] So here in their Prayers, and Supplications, and Interceſſions they are to make no Sect, but that *all* men muſt be prayed for; and Prayers, Supplications, and Interceſſions and Thanks muſt be made

made for Kings and for *all* that are in Authority; mark, for *all* that be in Authority: again, here is no Sect made, but an universal general Prayer, *that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable Life under them in all Godliness and Honesty*; mark, in all Godliness and Honesty; for this is Good and acceptable in the Sight of God our Saviour, who wills *that* All *Men should be saved, and come to the Knowledge of the Truth*, and that is by the Light of Christ Jesus, that shines in the Heart; mark, this is God's Will & Mind, that *All men should be saved, and come to the Knowledge of the Truth; for there is one God, & one Mediator betwixt God and Man, which is the Man Christ Jesus*; mark the *Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a Ransom for all men, to be testified in due time*; mark, for all men, to be testified in due time: again, here is no Sect made, nor any excluded; therefore as he gave himself a Ransom for all men; and the Will of God is, that all men should be saved, and come to the Knowledge of the Truth; and therefore Prayers, and Supplications, and Intercessions, and giving of Thanks must be made for all men, and for Kings, and all that be in Authority, that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable Life under them in all Godliness and Honesty, *Amen.*

And they that have the Mind of Christ do this, and know the Common Faith and the Common Salvation, Jude 3. And this Common Faith and Common Salvation the Saints were earnestly to contend for, which Christ their Saviour is the Author of, which we do contend for this day against all Opposers. *Tit.* 1. 4.

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And all that have the Mind of Christ, own this; for the Apostle said, *We have the Mind of Christ*; we the Church, Disciples and True Christians: and also the Apostle saith, *Let the same Mind be in you as was in Christ Jesus*; and then the same Mind will own his Words and Doctrine, that he spoak, and as the Apostles did and spoak, *Phil.* 2. 5. 1 *Cor.* 2. 16.

But all you that say, *Christ hath not tasted Death for every Man, and hath not given himself a Ransom for all men*; & say that *He hath not enlightened every man that cometh into the World, the heavenly Man with his heavenly Light, the spiritual Man with his divine & spiritual Light*; and *that his Grace hath not appeared to all men, which brings Salvation, which is the Saints Teacher*; and that *Christ hath not dyed for all men, and is not a Propitiation for the Sins of the whole World, but for the Saints only, or the World of Believers*, as you call them; you are the Makers of Sects and Schisms, and in your vain Thoughts imagine, *Christ dyed only for your own Sects*, and that *God hath Ordained of old the Greatest part of Mankind for Hell*; you are of another Mind then the Apostles, who said, *Christ dyed for all, and tasted Death for every man, and would have all men to be saved, and come to the Knowledge of the Truth, and therefore Supplications and Prayers must be made for all men; and you must Love Enemies as well as Friends; and the Lord desires not the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he might turn and live; and Christ is the Saviour of* All *Men, especially of them that believe*: you are of another Mind and Spirit then the Prophets, and Christ and the Apostles were of, that say, *Christ did not dye for all Men, and tasted Death for every man,*

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and gave himself a Ransom for all men: And *God would have all men to be saved, and come to the Knowledge of the Truth; and the Manifestation of the Spirit of God is given to every man to profit withal* (1 Cor. 12, 7.) mark, every man; and you that are against this, are the Sect-makers, and have not the Mind of the Apostle; and this Doctrine of Christ and the Apostles we preach and teach, and bear witness unto against all the Opposers and Sect-makers whatsoever.

And the Apostle saith, *But he that understandeth according to Sobriety, as God hath dealt to every man the Measure of Faith*; mark, as God hath dealt to every man the Measure of Faith; so he is the Dealer; for it is his Gift; for Faith is the Gift of God, which Christ is the Author of, and not man, by which every man should walk, by that Faith which God hath dealt to him by Christ Jesus, the Author and Finisher, *Rom.* 12. 3. *For of him* (to wit, God) *and through him, and for him are all things; to him be Glory forever*, Amen. *Rom.* 11.

So your *Directory* and *Church Faith*, as you call it, may lie and mold; for we understand according to Sobriety, that as God hath dealt to every man the Measure of Faith, his Gift, so he is to walk by, in which he pleases God through Christ Jesus, whom all *Christians* must look unto, Jesus, who is the Author of their Faith, and Finisher of it, who is the Author of ours, Glory to God forever: And the Wise Man's Eye is in his Head, Christ Jesus, who is the Head of all, who bruises the Serpent's Head, that led Men from God, and hath been between Men and God; and he that doth this, leads Man again to God

God (to wit, Christ) who is the true Baptizer, who baptizes with Fire and with the Holy Ghost, whose Fan is in his Hand, and he will cleanse his Floor, the Floor of your Hearts, and will gather his Wheat into his Garner, but will burn up the Chaff with unquenchable Fire; and they that know this Baptizer (to wit, Christ) are the true *Christians*, and will never plead for the Chaff, their Body of Death and Sin to the Grave; for when Christ sets Fire in your Hearts and Minds, that never shall be quenched till the Chaff is burnt up; such will not plead for the Chaff, but for Christ and his Baptism, which we own, and would have all People come to. For in the Time of the Law things were to pass through the Fire and Water, to be made clean; so must you pass through Christ's Fire and Water, which purifies and washes, before you will be clean to enter into his holy Kingdom, and know his Baptism, as in *Luke* 3. 16, 17. For *Simon Magus* may go into the Outward Water, and yet not come to Christ's Baptism, and think he can buy the Gift of God for Money, which was judged by the Apostle, and by all that be in the same Spirit.

And this is the One Baptism, *For by One Spirit we* (the true Church) *are all baptized into one Body, whether we be* Jews *or* Grecians, *Bond or Free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit:* And for want of this Spirit's baptizing of you, and you drinking into it, there are so many Bodies and Sects in *Christendom*, and so many Baptisms and Wayes, and so do not drink all into one Spirit, in which the Unity and Fellowship and the Bond of the Prince of

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Princes Peace is, which we ſay all true *Chriſtians* are bound to keep, and then they will ſeek the Good of all men and the Peace of all men; let them be of ſeveral Sects formerly, yet by One Spirit they are all baptized into one Body, as they come to the Spirit, then they drink into one Spirit, then here is Fellowſhip in the One Spirit, 1 *Cor.* 12. 13.

So all *Chriſtians* are to endeavour to keep the Unity of this Spirit in the Bond of Peace.

Here is one Body and one Spirit, even as ye are called into one Hope of your Vocation; *there is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptiſm, and one God, and one Father of all, which is above all, and through all,* [mark] *and in you all*; know him there ſearching your Hearts, and find him there trying your Reins; incline your Ears, and give ear to him there, who will render to every one of you according to your Words and Works, whether they be Good or Evil. Phil. 4.

And therefore quench not, nor vex, nor grieve his good Spirit, nor rebel againſt the Good Spirit which God hath given to you to inſtruct you, and to profit withal, *Neh.* 9. nor turn the Grace of God into Wantonneſs, which would teach you, and bring your Salvation; neither walk deſpightfully againſt the Spirit of Grace; neither deſpiſe Prophecy, which is an Office in the Church; neither hate the Light of Chriſt (leſt it be your Condemnation) which you ſhould believe in, and become Children of.

And in the 1 Corinth. 8. 6. *Unto us* (to wit, the Chriſtians) *there is but one God, which is the Father, of whom are all things,* [mark, all things] *and we in him,*

[mark, in him] (to wit, the Father, of whom are all things) *and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things*, [mark, by whom are all things] *and we by him* [to wit, by Christ] *of whom is named the whole Family in Heaven and Earth, and so that Christ may dwell in your Hearts by Faith, and that you may be strengthned by his Spirit in your Inward Man*, Ephes. 3.

And do not resist the Holy Ghost, as the Out-side Professing *Jews* did, & the Stiff-necked & Uncircumcised in Hearts and Ears, as it is to be feared too many of those called *Christians* do now, *Acts* 7. 51. for they that do resist the Holy Ghost, resist that in which they should have Fellowship, and pray in; and they that resist the Holy Ghost, resist that which Christ sends to lead the Saints into all Truth by, and shews them things to come, and *takes of mine* (says Christ) *and gives unto you*; and they that resist this, resist their Leader, and their Minister, and their Reprover: and this *Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, shall reprove the world of Sin, and of their Righteousness, which is not Christ's, and of their Judgment, which is not of the Holy Ghost*; John 14. 15, 16.

and therefore must the World leave their Sin, Righteousness and Judgment, and turn at the Reproof of the Holy Ghost, which Christ prayed unto the Father that he would send, and should abide with his Disciples forever; and he did and hath sent him, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, that leads into all Truth, in which Holy Ghost is our Fellowship, which Fellship we would have all that are called *Christians* to come into with us.

And the Apostle saith to the *Colossians*, he tells them,

them, (*Col.* 2. 10, 11.) *They were Compleat in Christ, the Head of all Principalities and Powers, in whom also ye are circumcised with the Circumcision made without Hands, by putting off the sinful Body of the Flesh, by the Circumcision of Christ*; which we are Witnesses of, and would have all come to, which they must do before they go to the Grave, or never.

Now this was so amongst the true *Christians*; but all you that plead for the sinful Body of the Flesh to the Grave, deny the Circumcision of Christ.

And further, the Apostle saith, *Seeing ye have put off the Old Man with his Works, and have put on the New Man, which is renewed in Knowledge after the Image of him* (to wit, God) *that created him; where is neither* Greek *nor* Jew, *Circumcision nor Uncircumcision,* Barbarian, Scythian, *Bond nor Free, but Christ is all and in all,* Col. 3. 9, 10, 11. Mark this you called *Christians*; for this is a high State.

So all they that plead for the Old Man with his Works to the Grave, are of another Mind and Spirit then the Apostles were in, and preach another Doctrine, and there you may see these true *Christians* had put off the Old Man before they went to the Grave, and put on the New, and were renewed in Knowledge after the Image of God that created them; and this Work must all the true *Christians* know whilst they be upon the Earth, which we witness, and desire all might come to know and do the same.

And the Apostle *James* in his General Epistle to the Church, speaking of the Tongue, that Unruly Member, which is full of deadly Poyson, *Therewith*

bleſs we God, even the Father, therewith curſe we Men, which are made after the Similitude of God.

And now all *Chriſtendom* conſider this, if you bleſs God, and curſe Men that are made after the Similitude of God, ye curſe his Works and his Workmanſhip, and curſe that which he hath made and created after his own Similitude; and therefore that Evil Tongue and Unruly Member, that is full of Poyſon, you muſt have Power over and bridle, elſe your Religion is vain; for it muſt not do ſo, to curſe the Creator's Workmanſhip after his own Image; for that proceeds from the Wiſdom below, and not from that which is above, as you may ſee in *James* 3. and therefore you muſt love, and honour, and pray for all men, and not curſe them; ſeeing Chriſt hath taſted Death for all men, therefore *bleſs, and curſe not*, and obey his Doctrine who is the Saviour of all men, and eſpecially of them that believe, who would have all men to be ſaved, and to come to the Knowledge of the Truth, to wit, Chriſt, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

And as *Peter* ſaith, *I perceive God is no Reſpecter of Perſons, but in every Nation he that feareth God and worketh Righteouſneſs is accepted of him*, Acts 10.34,35. So God being no Reſpecter of Perſons, but accepts all that fear him and work Righteouſneſs; therefore all People are to fear God, and depart from Evil, and from all Unrighteouſneſs, if they be accepted of God; and their not fearing God, and not working Righteouſneſs, is that which maketh them unacceptable with him.

And *Peter* further ſaith, *Ye know the Word that God hath*

hath ſent to the Children of Iſrael, *preaching Peace by Jeſus Chriſt, who is Lord of all*; mark, of ALL: So there is no Peace with God but by Jeſus Chriſt.

And *the Goſpel, which is preacht to every Creature under Heaven*; and Chriſt's Miniſters were to go into *All Nations* to preach the Goſpel of Chriſt; then the Goſpel was preacht to the Stock of *Ham*, the Stock of *Iſhmael*, and the Stock of *Eſau*. For, *Chriſt dyed for all men, and taſted Death for every man*: and here is God's Love, in ſending his Son, that dyed for all men; and God and Chriſt's Love, in ſending his Miniſters to preach the Goſpel to all men, that they might know the Heavenly Riches, and their Inheritance of the ſame by Chriſt Jeſus; for God's heavenly Sun hath ſhined upon the Juſt and the Unjuſt, for their eternal Good, as the natural Sun doth for their outward Good; and doth enlighten all, that all might believe in the Light, and through it receive God's Love and Favour, and they that do not are condemned by it; and the Wrath of God abides upon them that reject his Love: ſo we and all that have the Mind of Chriſt, our Love is unto all men for their Outward and Eternal Good, though we are hated by them for it, as their Fore-Fathers hated the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles for their Love and Good Will towards them.

And are not a great part in *Chriſtendom* ſaying with *Pilate*, that crucified Chriſt, *what is Truth*? Joh. 18. 38. though they are bred up at Schools, and think themſelves as wiſe men as *Pilate* was, who underſtood the *Jews* Law and the *Romans*, and had his *Latin*, *Greek* and *Hebrew* to ſet over Chriſt when he was crucified; but Chriſt is riſen atop of it, and the

the Truth is Christ, that doth enlighten you, and you must find it in your Inward Parts: And Christ saith, *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life*; but the wise professing *Jews* would not receive him, nor believe in him then, though they had the Scriptures; and they confessed he was to come, as the Professors now, which profess he is come, yet will not believe in the Light, but with literal learned *Pilate* say, *What is Truth*, though Christ saith, *I am the way, the Truth and the Life, and no man comes to the Father but by me*; & yet People that call themselves *Christians* will say, *There are so many Sects in the World, we know not which to follow; oh! that we did know the Truth*: To which we say, Have you been learning all this while, and do not yet know the Truth? Indeed there are Teachers that have the Form of Godliness, and deny the Power, that are alwayes teaching, that they may be alwayes paying of them, and leading People that are never able to come to the Knowledge of the Truth (to wit, Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life) For, *to know God and Jesus Christ is Eternal Life*; but to talk of God and Jesus Christ is not Eternal Life: and that which gives People the Knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Jesus Christ, is the Light that shines in their Hearts, which Christ hath enlightned them withal; and here is the Love of God in Christ Jesus to them all, to enlighten them all; and here is our Love to all Mankind, In desiring and inviting them to turn from the Darkness to the Light, and to believe in the Light, that they may become Children of the Light, and so to look unto Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of their Faith, who hath dyed for their Sins, and

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is risen again for their Justification, and sitteth at the Right Hand of God: for, by him, to wit Christ, all things in Heaven and in Earth are reconciled in one; and *God was in Christ reconciling the World unto himself*; and so we cannot but in Love beseech all to receive Christ Jesus, the Light, Life and Truth, that by him you may be reconciled unto God, who will lead you out of old *Adam*, and destroy the Devil & his Works, who hath separated you from God; and as every one hath received Christ Jesus, so walk in him, who is the New and Living Way, who is over all the old and dead Wayes, who is the Rock of Ages, and the Foundation of many Generations, and is our Rock and our Foundation in this our Age and Generation, who bruises the Serpent's Head, who is the First and Last, who is the Love of God to Mankind; *Glory to God forever.*

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A QUERY to all the Preachers in *Christendom.*

HOw many men and Women have you presented Perfect in Christ Jesus? Col. 1. *How many have you Perfected? How many have you brought to the Knowledge of the Son of God, and to a Perfect Man, unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fulness of Christ?* Ephes. 4. *which is the Work of Christ's Ministers.*

Worcester-Prison, the 10th Day of the 11th Mon. 1674.